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## Promote *South Carolina 4-H* using National 4-H Campaigns

National 4-H Council has launched its new brand & is rolling out a new campaign this month. Brand essence video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vJ5Ab-uTDk>.

For those of you on social media, help us "SHOUT" out the True Leaders in your community by tagging your 4-H'ers (with parent consent) with the hashtag **#TrueLeaders** and **South Carolina 4-H Youth Development**. <http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/grow-true-leaders-campaign/shout/>

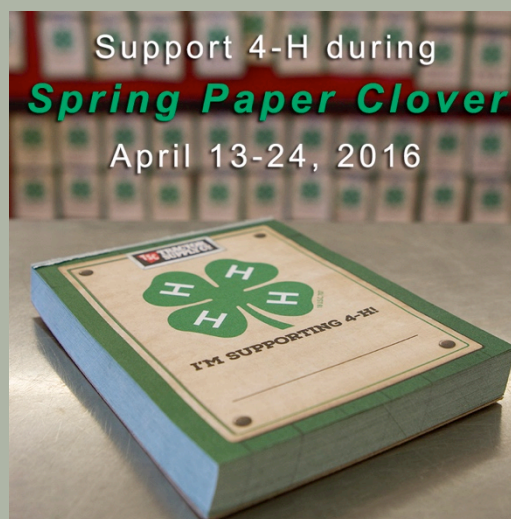


**April - June 2016:**  
This is your chance to shout out and recognize those kids who are true leaders in your life—and as a result add your voice to a powerful chorus of champions for true leaders across the county.

### Shout Out #TrueLeaders



Also, the Spring 2016 **Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign** starts Wednesday, April 13, and runs through Sunday, April 24, 2016! Help us promote this event by sharing it on social media and working with your local agent to increase 4-H presence at Tractor Supply stores in your area. <http://www.4-h.org/paper-clover-toolkit/>



## Upcoming Deadlines...

### Portfolios

Postmarked or hand delivered to the State 4-H Office  
2054 Barre Hall, Clemson, SC 29634  
**DEADLINE: Monday, May 2, 2016**

### Glen Krohn Volunteer Award

Nominations due to the State 4-H Office postmarked, hand delivered, or emailed to [taberp@clemson.edu](mailto:taberp@clemson.edu) (details attached)  
**DEADLINE: Monday, May 2, 2016**

## Free:

### Environmental Educational Training & Resources!!!

**Where:** Harbison State Forest Education Center, Columbia, SC  
**When:** Tuesday, July 19th, 2016  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
*Lunch will be provided.*  
**Who:** 4-H agents, public school teachers and interested volunteers!  
See attached flyer for more information!



Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to people of all ages, regardless of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital or family status and is an equal opportunity employer.

# Monthly 4-H Club Activity Idea

*Adapted from volunteerism for the  
Next Generation*

## Communication is Key

**Objective:** to appreciate the importance of communication and identify ways to improve communication in everyday life.

**Age Range:** All ages.

**Hands-on Activity:** Paper-tearing exercise to illustrate the importance of effective communication; group work

**Life Skills:** HEAD = planning/organizing, goal setting, decision making  
HEART = social skills, communication, cooperation;  
HANDS = leadership, contributions to group effort, teamwork;  
HEALTH = self-esteem, character,



## Introduction

Effective communication is key to successful relationships at home, in the workplace, in 4-H Club, and among friends. What are 5 methods we use to communicate? (Brainstorm)

*Listening (verbal and nonverbal expression),  
Speaking (between individuals and in front of a crowd),  
Reading,  
Writing,  
and Body Language (nonverbal).*

What are some tools that we use to communicate?

*Telephone, texting, internet (blogs, social media, websites), television, radio, newspapers, meetings, pencil/pen & paper, eyes, ears, and the list goes on!!!*

## Paper-tearing Activity, Part 1

Provide everyone in the room with a plain piece of paper. Hold up your paper and ask everyone to close their eyes and follow your instructions step-by-step: (*Rules = NO peeking & CANNOT ask questions.*)

1. Fold your sheet of paper in half.
2. Tear off the upper right-hand corner.
3. Fold it in half again & tear off the upper left-hand corner.
4. Fold it in half again & tear off the lower right-hand corner.

Now, if everyone opens their eyes and unfolds their paper, you will likely have several different final products!

Sometimes, tools we use to communicate that do not always relay the entire message. Can you think of an example when something you were trying say was misinterpreted? How could you prevent this from happening in the future?

*Clarify instructions, allow questions, limit sarcasm in print/writing, actively listen to others, do not make assumptions, speak assertively & clearly, communicate often, etc.*

## Paper-tearing Activity, Part 2

Have youth break into groups and work together to plan another paper-tearing exercise and formulate clear instructions that can be followed under the same conditions (eyes closed, no peeking or questions) to achieve their designed product. Let each group present in front of the club and see how successful their communication was. (Tip: Give the club a different colored piece of paper for each group's presentation to limit confusion.)

## Conclusion

Effective communication is key to a successful 4-H Club and relationships in the outside world. What communication methods do you currently use? What are areas that you can improve? Challenge youth to be better, well-rounded communicators, using all 5 methods.

# Looking for a fun, interactive way to teach *invasion biology* to youth?

Clemson University's Invasive Species Program has developed a new, interactive learning module that teaches middle school youth invasion biology, tree identification, and how to recognize and report invasive forest pests. The program comes with participant workbooks, resources and a presentation for leaders, and culminates in a visual forest pest survey with online reporting. All groups will be loaned survey backpacks stocked with materials.



## *want more information?*

Join Invasive Species Program staff for our Train-the-Trainer workshop this summer!

**Where:** Harbison State Forest Education Center  
Columbia, SC

**When:** Tuesday, July 19th, 2016  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm      *Lunch will be provided.*

**Who:** 4-H agents, public school teachers and interested volunteers!

Contact Sherry Aultman at 864-646-2128 or email [invasives@clemson.edu](mailto:invasives@clemson.edu) to register for the workshop and find out more information about the program.



You can also visit our website to explore the program materials:

[clemson.edu/invasives](http://clemson.edu/invasives)

## **Glen Krohn Award for Volunteerism in 4-H**

The Glen Krohn Award recognizes outstanding volunteer leadership in the 4-H program. It is named for the late Dr. Glen Krohn, retired Assistant Director, Family and Youth Development. Dr. Krohn was a strong believer in volunteers throughout his career, having as one of his philosophical mottos the statement, "Volunteerism is the price you pay for the space you take".

To nominate a volunteer, submit a one-page overview of the volunteer's accomplishments. The following criteria will be used to judge each entry:

- Length of Service 10%
- Impact on Youth 25%
- Program Responsibilities 20%
- Creativity of Program 15%
- Level of Involvement (County) 20%
- Level of Involvement (State) 10%

A one-page limit on nominations will be strictly enforced. For those receiving the award, the one-page narrative will be read at the State 4-H Awards Banquet at State 4-H Congress.

Nominations are due on May 1st, unless May 1st is a Saturday or Sunday, then they are due on the following Monday. Nominations must be postmarked, hand-delivered, or emailed by the due date to:

State 4-H Office – Krohn Award  
Clemson University  
2057 Barre Hall  
Clemson, SC 29634-0108  
taberp@clemson.edu

Letters of Appreciation should be sent to:

Mrs. Phyllis Krohn  
526 Colonial Drive  
Greenwood, S.C. 29649